



Lucretia Garfield First Spouse Gold Coin and Bronze Medal Available December 1

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First Spouse Bronze Medal Series: Four-Medal Set also Available

WASHINGTON — The United States Mint today announced the opening of sales for the Lucretia Garfield First Spouse Gold Coin and Bronze Medal on December 1, at noon Eastern Time (ET). The .9999 fine (24-karat) gold coin will be available in proof and uncirculated versions.

The obverse (heads side) of the coin was designed by United States Mint Artistic Infusion Program (AIP) Associate Designer Barbara Fox and sculpted by United States Mint Sculptor-Engraver Phebe Hemphill. The design bears the likeness of Lucretia Garfield with the inscriptions *LUCRETIA GARFIELD, IN GOD WE TRUST, LIBERTY, 2011, 20th and 1881*. The coin's reverse (tails side) was designed and sculpted by United States Mint Sculptor-Engraver Michael Gaudioso. The design represents Lucretia Garfield's interest in art and features her painting on a canvas with brush and palette in hand. Inscriptions are *UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, E PLURIBUS UNUM, \$10, ½ OZ. and .9999 FINE GOLD*.

The maximum mintage for Lucretia Garfield First Spouse Gold Coins is set at 15,000 across all product options. Customer demand will determine the ratio of proof coins to uncirculated coins produced within the total maximum issuance of 15,000. Pricing for the gold coins will be based on the United States Mint's pricing structure, available at <http://www.usmint.gov/catalog>. Pricing of the 1-5/16" bronze medal duplicates is set at \$7.95 each.

The Lucretia Garfield First Spouse Bronze Medal is also included in the 2011 First Spouse Medal Series: Four-Medal Set. This set, also available for purchase on December 1 at noon ET, includes bronze medals bearing the likenesses of the Eliza Johnson, Julia Grant, Lucy Hayes and Lucretia Garfield First Spouse Gold Coins. The set is priced at \$19.95 each.

To place an order, visit <http://www.usmint.gov/catalog> or call 1-800-USA-MINT (872-6468). Hearing- and speech-impaired customers with TTY equipment may order at 1-888-321-MINT (6468). A fee of \$4.95 will be added to all domestic orders to cover shipping and handling costs.

The United States Mint, created by Congress in 1792, is the Nation's sole manufacturer of legal tender coinage and is responsible for producing circulating coinage for the Nation to conduct its trade and commerce. The United States Mint also produces proof, uncirculated and commemorative coins; Congressional Gold Medals; and silver, gold and platinum bullion coins.

Note: To ensure that all members of the public have fair and equal access to United States Mint products, orders placed prior to the official on-sale date and time of December 1, 2011, noon ET shall not be deemed accepted by the United States Mint and will not be honored. For more information, please review the United States Mint's Frequently Asked Questions, Answer ID #175.

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